
MEMORANDUM No. 2014-019

TO: District Superintendents
School Principals
Instructional Facilitators
Curriculum Directors
Teachers

FROM: Deb Lindsey, Director
WDE Assessment Division

DATE: February 12, 2014

SUBJECT: School Performance Ratings Model Presentations

WDE TO OFFER PRESENTATIONS ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE RATINGS MODEL

Changes made to Gillette and Jackson Presentations

There have been changes made to scheduled presentations in Jackson and Gillette regarding School Performance Ratings and their calculations over the past 24 hours.

Due to weather reports predicting heavy snow this week, the WDE will use its online meeting room, Blackboard Collaborate, to deliver a virtual presentation to school district personnel in and around Teton County. The WDE will offer a 9 a.m. presentation in the conference room of the school district office specifically for personnel of Teton County School District 1. The presentation will focus on the School Performance Ratings model, the growth indicator, and changes in Phase I of the accountability process.

A similar presentation will be made via Blackboard Collaborate from 1-3:30 p.m. for all interested school district personnel in Wyoming. That presentation may be viewed by clicking on the link below: http://tiny.cc/WDE_Participant or <https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/dropin.jnlp?sid=vclass&password=0DG15IPQCRZU5XBHR150>

A scheduled public event previously scheduled for the evening of Feb. 13 has been postponed to a later date in order to facilitate an on-site presentation by WDE staff.

In addition to its time in Jackson, WDE staff will offer a pair of presentations on School Performance Ratings and changes in Phase I of the educational accountability effort in Gillette at the end of Feb. Educators from around the state are invited to a 2-4:30 p.m. presentation Jan. 27 at the Lakeway Learning Center in Gillette, while Campbell County District I personnel will be able to attend a presentation from 9-11:30 a.m. on Feb. 28. The Feb. 28 presentation is also to be held at the Lakeway Learning Center.

To register for any of the scheduled presentations, please click here: https://docs.google.com/a/wyo.gov/forms/d/1fWtfiqyW4HLX0RLhFf5e39XKv_z6g7Bo02V0d-k9zGw/viewform

Leading the presentations will be WDE Director of Assessment Deb Lindsey; Data Governance Coordinator Leslie Zimmerschied, and Julie Magee, the agency's Director of Standards and Accountability. During the presentations on School Performance Ratings and the growth indicator, Lindsey said she and Zimmerschied would present tips on how to read the reports, an explanation for how the growth indicators are achieved, and examples of the reports.

There are essentially four indicators, which are measured and reported in the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act's (WAEA) School Performance Ratings Model. For grades 3-8 the indicators are: Achievement, Equity and Growth and a required Participation Rate. The data summarized in the new School Performance Reports places schools into one of four categories: Exceeding Standards, Meeting Standards, Partially Meeting Standards, and Not Meeting Standards.

The WDE is open to presenting to any other communities or districts interested in learning more about the School Performance Ratings. The agency also plans two similar presentations for the School Improvement Conference next month.

For more information on the School Performance Ratings, contact Tom Lacock at (307) 777-5399 or tom.lacock@wyo.gov.